MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A report has been received from the Chief Engineer. It is under the consideration of the Government.

Lighting with electricity certain roads of commercial importance in Trivandrum.

28. *MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned the prayer of the wholesale grain merchants of Vallakadavu (Trivandrum) to keep the place lighted the whole night as is being done at Chalai and other commercial and busy centres ; and if so, what action they have taken regarding the same ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that most of the important busy roads of commercial importance, *viz.*, Valiathuri Road from Vallakadavu and the Mosque Road connecting Chalai Road, have not yet been provided with electric lights although posts have been fixed and wires have been connected two years ago ; and

(*c*) whether they have taken any steps to arrange for the lighting of the said roads at an early date and relieve the inconvenience now experienced by the public for want of bright and proper lights ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) A petition from the merchants of Vallakadavu has been received and the question is under consideration.

(*b*) Street lights have not been provided in these roads, pending settlement of municipal contribution.

(*c*) *Vide* reply to (*b*) above.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : May I know when this question of asking the Municipality to contribute money towards the lighting of the public streets of Trivandrum was raised ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN :- Some time, last year. The question has been referred to the Sirkar Vakil to be taken up with the draft Municipal Regulation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : May I know, Sir, how long it will take before a decision is arrived at on this matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN : I cannot definitely say when it will be decided, but it is hoped that it will be settled soon.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : What is the point of difference between the Government and the Municipality in this matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN : There is no difference; the Municipality has at present no power to levy any cess on account of lighting.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Are the Government receiving any contribution from the Municipality for lighting the public streets of the town ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN : No.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly